

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated EG-VEGF polypeptide ~~comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 80%~~95% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.
- 2-5. (cancelled)
6. (currently amended) ~~The~~An isolated polypeptide ~~of claim 1 comprising an, wherein the amino acid sequence compris[es]]ing amino acid residues 20 to 105 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.~~
7. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the ~~amino acid sequence~~ polypeptide ~~comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 80%~~95% identity to SEQ ID NO:2.
8. (currently amended) ~~The~~An isolated polypeptide ~~of claim 7 comprising an, wherein the amino acid sequence compris[es]]ing SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide promotes proliferation of adrenal cortex-derived capillary endothelial cells.~~
9. (original) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is a native sequence of endocrine gland-derived vascular endothelial growth factor (EG-VEGF).
10. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is an allelic variant of EG-VEGF.

11. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is SEQ ID NO:2.
12. (original) The polypeptide of claim 9, wherein the native sequence is human.
13. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 1.
14. (withdrawn) The polynucleotide of claim 13, comprising nucleotides 91 to 405 of SEQ ID NO:1.
15. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 13.
16. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 15.
17. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 5.
18. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 17.
19. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 18.
20. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 6.
21. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 20.
22. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 21.
23. (withdrawn) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 7.
24. (withdrawn) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 23.
25. (withdrawn) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 24.